

## About the Code Compliance Division

*The City of El Paso enhances the quality of life and economy of our community by enforcing regulations that preserve and protect neighborhoods. This publication is an effort to enhance understanding and cooperation between the city's Code Compliance Division and the citizens of El Paso.*



### Code Compliance Division

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El Paso, Texas 79907  
Phone: (915) 599-6290  
Online: [www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental\\_services/code.asp](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental_services/code.asp)

### Did You Know?

- The El Paso City Code is available online at <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/virtual.asp>.
- Some of the most common code violations are: overgrown vegetation, such as tall weeds; illegal dumping; and prohibited signs, such as garage sale signs, within a public right-of-way.
- The Code Compliance Division offers weekend enforcement.
- The City can clean properties after the required legal notification is made to the owner. Clean up costs are passed on to the property owner.
- Code Enforcement Inspectors are available to meet with organizations, such as neighborhood associations, to review and explain code requirements. To schedule a presentation call (915) 599-6290.

### City of El Paso

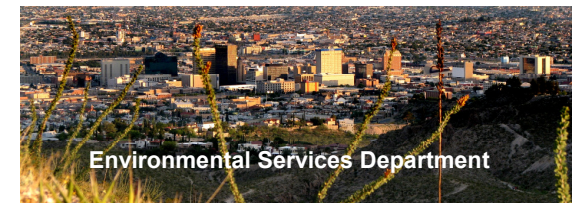


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## STAY UP TO CODE

### Prohibited Sales Violations:

Selling merchandise — such as vehicles, novelties or any other goods — on a vacant lot, city street, sidewalk or easement is not permitted.



Environmental Services Department

## Code Enforcement: Prohibited Sales

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The Code Compliance Division of the Environmental Services



Code compliance inspectors work with El Paso police to enforce prohibited sales regulations.

Department safeguards the safety, health and welfare of the El Paso community by enforcing anti-blight

and public nuisance laws.

Code Compliance Inspectors patrol neighborhoods for violations, conduct sweeps, and respond to complaints from the public.

You may report suspected code violations, from prohibited sales to overgrown weeds to junk vehicles, by calling the division at (915) 599-6290.



Violation notices may be placed on vehicles or issued to individuals in violation of the prohibited sales law.

### Prohibited Sales (*El Paso City Code 13.20.040*)

**The law:** It is prohibited to sell merchandise – such as vehicles, novelties or any other goods – on vacant lots or a public right-of-way, which is more commonly known as a street, easement or sidewalk. Vehicle sales are also not allowed on parking lots.

**What is the penalty for this violation?** A prohibited sales violation is considered a Class C misdemeanor, which carries a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$500. Court costs may also apply.

**Are there other risks for selling merchandise without the proper permits?** Section 13.20.040E of the municipal code states that after proper notification is given, El Paso police may have the merchandise removed from the public right-of-way and stored at the owner's expense.

**How can I track information related to my code violation or a violation I've reported?** Anyone with access to a computer with an

Internet connection can access code enforcement and compliance history data by clicking on the "Look Up Your Code Enforcement Case" link at [www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental\\_services](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental_services).

**Where can I get information about how to obtain a vendor license?** Contact the City of El Paso Development Services Department at (915) 541-4558. The office is located on the 5th floor of City Hall in Downtown.

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